

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, a minor informality noted in the last paragraph of claim 11 has been corrected. It is noted that this Amendment does not broaden the claim language, and as such, should not require either further search or substantial consideration. Therefore, entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested. Applicants and the undersigned attorney apologize for the late submission of this request, noting that this error was not discovered until after receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

It is also noted that the present amendment includes the changes to claims 15 and 18 made by the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the January 21, 2005 Notice of Allowance. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for having attended to these changes.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No.500.43193X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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